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FOR AMBASSADOR SNEIDER FROM UNDER SECRETARY BENSON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, KS, OVIP (BENSON, LUCY WILSON)

SUBJECT: VISIT OF UNDER SECRETARY BENSON

REF: STATE 249037

1. REFTTEL CONTAINS TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR MY CINCPAC/KOREA TRIP. I DO REGRET THAT MY STAY IN KOREA WILL FALL OVER A WEEKEND. RECOGNIZING THIS PROBLEM, HOWEVER, HERE ARE A FEW THOUGHTS ON WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE. MAJOR OBJECTIVE, OF COURSE, IS MAXIMUM EXPOSURE (A) TO IMPACT AND END USE OF U.S. SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN KOREA, (B) TO KOREAN THINKING ABOUT THEIR OWN SECURITY PROBLEMS AND (C) TO EXPECTATIONS AND PROBLEMS KOREANS SEE FOR FUTURE AS U.S. FORCES IN COUNTRY ARE REDUCED. WOULD BE MOST USEFUL, THEREFORE, IF FOCUS IS ON KOREAN OPERATIONAL AIR AND GROUND UNITS; ITS MILITARY PRODUCTION AND SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE  
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CAPABILITY (E.G., THE M-16 PLANT OR THE AIR FACILITY IN TAEGU), AND ITS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CAPACITY (KIST OR ADD).

2. I WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET AND TALK TO KOREAN COMMANDERS, DEFENSE MANAGERS AND PLANNERS. I WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS TO MINIMIZE

CEREMONIAL OCCASIONS AND FORMAL BRIEFINGS. VANCE

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